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Sunny Festival Brought Smiles, Funds for Kids

by Marie Simard

Would it rain or not? That was the big question on Sunday, April 28, the day of the Sixth Annual Glen Park Festival. Blue skies greeted the early morning set-up crew but by 10 a.m. the sky had turned gray. But the warm welcome offered by Teddy, our emcee of the day, made everyone forget about the weather.

This year's Festival looked and felt different: a large, colorful balloon announced the Festival and a multitude of umbrellas in the Food Pavilion gave a cozy outdoor-market feel. As we eased into the day with the Randy Craig Quartet and beautiful harmony from a local barbershop quartet, neighbors and friends slowly made their way into the heart of the Festival. Numerous vendors from throughout the state displayed beautiful items ranging from stained glass to fleece hats to silk clothing.

Excitement in the crowd began to grow as the SGO/USA Young Women's Taiko Drummers gave another outstanding performance. Following them, Mestizo claimed that their music would bring out the sun, and they were right! As they played hot Latin tunes, the clouds flew away and a beautiful sunny day emerged, energizing one and all. Participants crowded the Food and Beverage area, enjoying the many offerings from local restaurateurs, wine from well-known wineries and beer from our own Anchor Steam Brewery. Still under a blue sky, we enjoyed the talented Mys-



Members of the band "Mestizo."

Photo by E. Mangelsdorf

tic Flava Dancers and danced with the London Street Project. Once again, the fire engine from the SFFD was a big success with the kids, as were the SFPD police horses.

This year's raffle offered prize packages including family fun getaways, elegant evenings in the city, individual gifts and baskets, and a fabulous Grand Prize, all generously donated by local merchants and donors. Jennifer Gee, a representative from the Silver Tree Day Camp, picked a winner for one of the raffle prizes.

This event could not happen and grow without the help of many individuals. Heartfelt thanks go to the Festival Planning Committee (Diane Beaudet, Michele Bulen, Dan Gustavson, Allison Huynh, Beth Kershaw, Joe Kowal, Mai-Ly Ramirez and Howard Reinstein), which met numerous evenings to organize the myriad details; to our Ingleside Station police officers for their presence and support; to the many volunteers who helped during the event and clean-up; and to the many others who facilitated and supported the Festival. A special thank you goes to the Festival Board

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Glen Park Benefits from Redistricting

by Rachel Gordon

Glen Park, which had been split between two supervisorial districts, has been united into one under a new plan adopted by the City's Elections Task Force. Glen Park has moved entirely into District 8, sharing its City Hall representative with Noc Valley, the Castro, Duboce Triangle, Diamond Heights, Corona Heights and Twin Peaks.

"Glen Park now has more political power because it can wield more votes," said San Francisco-based pollster David Binder. "Any issues that pertain specifically to the neighborhood, you would expect they'd get more attention."

Previously, parts of Glen Park were in District 7, the politically more conservative district anchored by San Francisco's West of Twin Peaks neighborhoods. The District 8 boundary was extended to capture the southeast leg of Glen Park roughly bounded by Bosworth, Congo and I-280. The district also jags into one block of Mangles, between Detroit and Congo.

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Wilder Street, with new market and second-floor library at right

Drawing by Peterson Architects

Grocer Chosen for Glen Park Marketplace

by David Prowler

The City's premier neighborhood grocer, Bi-Rite, will own and operate the new store to be built at Glen Park Marketplace, the site of the former Diamond Super and future branch library. Bi-Rite is a family owned business and since 1940 has been feeding the neighborhood around Dolores Park.

The Mogannam family has had the business since 1964. Sam Mogannam, co-owner with his brother Raphael, says, "Having lived in Glen Park for the past two years, I understand firsthand the void the neighborhood is experiencing without a market nearby. What I envision for Glen Park is a larger and better version of Bi-Rite, with an even greater outreach to the community."

"We will provide all the basics—fresh produce, naturally raised meat and poultry, fresh fish, cheese, wines, grocery staples and household items. The main feature will be the delicatessen. As a trained chef, my commitment to quality food will abound in the market. This

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Neighborhood History

April's meeting of the GPA featured "history buff extraordinaire" Greg Gaar, who informed us with wonderful slides and narratives about the "olden days" in commercial Glen Park and the Glen Park Canyon. This was quite (and still is, of course) a fascinating neighborhood.

In general, this area of San Francisco was the boonies prior to the earthquake of 1906. With the advent of the first electric streetcar in the city—Glen Park had the first—and helped by the earthquake, development began in earnest around 1910.

Greg brought some fabulous slides of then and now, for comparison of the same locations, which were very interesting. Glen Canyon Park had many roles: dynamite factory, dairy farm and proposed dam for Islais Creek (which fortunately didn't happen). It was finally purchased as open space for all of us to enjoy.

There are considerable archives at our branch library that consist of photos and newspaper articles that may be of interest to those of you who were unable to join us for this presentation.

July Bar-B-Que

On July 9 we will have our annual Bar-B-Que at Glen Park Rec Center. This is an opportunity for you to meet some of your new neighbors. Our new Ingleside Police Captain, Kevin Dillard will join us. In addition, the Neighborhood Safe Program Coordinator, Alexia Foote has been invited to help us organize each block to keep us from being vulnerable to our local vandals. Please join us and bring a side dish to share with your neighbors.

District 8 Liaison

We have a new Neighborhood Services Liaison to District 8, Adam M. Benditsky. He may be reached at (415) 554-6148, or at adam.benditsky@sfgov.org.

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Is the *Glen Park News* arriving on your doorstep each quarter? If not, your block and the one adjacent to it may still need a volunteer to distribute the paper. Most of these blocks are up toward Diamond Heights and those approaching 30th Street. If you live in either area and are willing to take a short walk each February, May, August and November, please give us a call at 908-6728.

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is an important project in the development of a fantastic neighborhood—a project that my brother and I are proud to be a part of."

Bi-Rite is located at 3639 18th St. and residents are encouraged to stop by and see the treat in store for Glen Park Village.

The mission of the Glen Park Association is to promote the collective interests of all persons living in Glen Park, to inform and educate about neighborhood and citywide issues, to promote sociability and friendships and to support beneficial neighborhood projects.

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Plans Told for Market, Library and Housing

by Don Williams

The 10th presentation to the Glen Park Association about the Diamond Super site project and the fourth presentation about the Glen Park Library were the focus of the February meeting of the Glen Park Association. The library, the market, and housing on the footprint of the old market and the privately owned lot behind it, unify two of the three major projects related to the "village" area of Glen Park.

The third project is a charette decision-making process to define a comprehensive plan for the area. It will bring together major players like the merchants' association, BART, Muni, CalTrans, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Transportation, representatives of the public, a City planner, the library, the Glen Park Association and other stakeholders to create a focused, inter-agency plan for the area. Topics of concern include parking, pedestrian flow to and from BART, pub-

lic transit, traffic patterns and maintaining Glen Park's village feel.

The Market A new, 6,500 square foot Bi-Rite market will occupy the ground level of the new building. The planned entrance will be visually and physically separate from the library and residential entrances. Groundbreaking is expected to take place early next year with opening day in the spring of 2004. Unlike the mammoth mega-markets that bring traffic from all over the city, this will be a neighborhood-serving family business.

The Library A survey of current library users, people in the community, people coming to Glen Park on BART, as well as the public at meetings gathered input about the new location. The resulting library plan is to replace the overcrowded 1,200 square foot location on Chenery with an 8,500 square foot space at Diamond and Wilder. The new location will have a street-level entrance and public display space. The fully ADA-accessible library incorporates plans for greatly expanded collections, a combined reference and circulation desk, a public elevator and staircase.

Housing The Diamond Street side of the project will be about the height of the bank building next door (30 feet) and will go up to 40 feet on the Wilder

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In Glen Canyon Park

with Jean Conner

It was a Wednesday morning in early April and the sky was overcast. It was a bit cool outside that day. This is the kind of weather that I find perfect for working in the Canyon. On that day I planned to do some weeding around a patch of golden back fern. Golden back fern is a special plant to me. Jake Sigg, native plant specialist, said that we would lose the fern if something isn't done about the weeds encroaching on it.



Golden Back Fern

I stopped to pull up a thistle as I headed down Alms Road. I saw a couple more thistles and removed them. It became a solo performance of the Charge of the Thistle Brigade: thistles to the right, thistles to the left and thistles to the front of me. Fifteen minutes later I was still pulling out thistles when Richard Craib came along. I explained where I planned to work once the thistles would release me. He was heading

off to cut away some poison oak hanging over one of the trails.

I continued slowly down Alms Road, climbing up the bank pulling out the Italian thistle. It is easiest to pull in early spring before it flowers. There are whole fields in Marin County where nothing can grow but this thistle. Italian thistle is a very invasive plant. When the plant matures the prickles on the leaves and stems become so hard and sharp that they will go right through a leather glove.

Later in the morning, still pulling thistles with a few interruptions from curious dogs, I looked up and saw Richard waving and signaling for me to come over where he was working. On my way there, I couldn't keep from reaching down to pull just one more thistle plant. On the thistle was what appeared to be a hawk feather. My guess was that it must have come from one the red-tailed hawks. It is gray and white striped, with a reddish tinge. The feather is a downy gray toward the base. It is beautified and perfect.

While Richard was working high up on the side of the Canyon he had turned around and there, halfway up a eucalyptus tree, was an owl. It was a great homed owl: great because of its size, and horned because of the feather tufts on its head. Neighbors had been hearing owls but had not been able to spot one. We think that there may be a nest near where the owl was seen. Great homed owls used to nest in the Canyon in the past. It is said that the nest that the red-tailed hawks have been using for several years was an owl nest at one time. I now believe that the feather I found came from the breast of the owl.

Be sure to come to the Nature Fest 2002 on Sunday afternoon, June 9, from 1-7 p.m. at the Silver Tree Building in Glen Canyon Park. At this 3rd annual event sponsored by the Friends of Glen Canyon Park, you'll be able to see for yourself some of the special birds, plants and natural features of Glen Canyon. There will be live animals to see and touch. A favorite is the live bats! There will be experts in all natural sciences and lots of activities. Have you ever painted using a garden snail as your brush? There will also be a wonderful presentation of historic San Francisco pictures. Will you recognize your neighborhood without houses? Plus, there are always great food and beverages!

Call Friends of Glen Canyon Park, Richard Craib at (415) 648-0862 to RSVP and get directions. Adults \$20, Children under 12 \$5.



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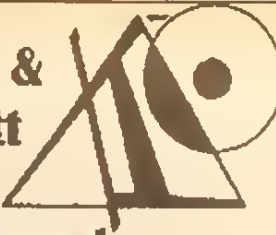
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Check It Out At the Library!

by Sharon Dezurick, Glen Park Branch Librarian

Branch Planning

The big story at the Glen Park Branch continues to be planning for the new branch on the second floor of the old Diamond Super site. The next public meeting, where conceptual layouts will be presented, is on **Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Glen Park Recreation Center. I hope to see many of you there.

There have been several internal meetings related to this specific project as well as meetings of the branch managers whose projects are in Phase I of the library bond that funds these projects. The task is further complicated by the assumption that the SFPL will "win" at least \$10 million of state library bond money to complete its branch renovation project.

You probably want to know what these meetings have resulted in. There is a draft Glen Park Branch library building program—which presents directions to the architect of how we want the building to work, how the space should be allocated, and the amount of space we need for seating, shelving, checkout, bathrooms, drinking fountains and all the pieces needed for a working library.

With much more space, the community will get a larger overall collection, more audio-visual, many more computers, a much larger children's area, a small program room, more tables and seating, a teen area and a civic presence in Glen Park.

The process and conversations between the developer's architects and the library architects continue. Many details remain to be worked out—for example the number, size and placement of the windows; the number and size of the light monitors (sophisticated skylights); the specifications for heating, ventilation and air conditioning; how to measure and account for the 8,500 square feet the library is paying for; the size of the elevator; the type of stairs—the list goes on and on.

One meeting the library had was with the San Francisco Art Commission—part of the bond money is set aside for public art. There are people in the neighborhood who are interested in helping with this piece of

the process. At the first internal meeting it became clear that the task at hand is to edit ideas, because there are a multitude of ways to use the money for public art. One of the keys to understanding this project is that we have a modest budget, so luxury finishes and flourishes are unlikely.

The library shared its booth at the Glen Park Festival with the Friends and Foundation of the San Francisco Public Library, who are responsible for raising the money to furnish and equip all the new, enlarged and renovated branches under the bond. Give early, give often, give generously!

Summer Events

Glen Park will have **Summer Reading** from June 8–August 10. Children from birth–13 are eligible for prizes after they join and read or are read to. Special programming for summer reading includes:

Charlie Chin's puppets: June 8 at 1:30 p.m.; **Local flutist Maurice Garcia:** June 11 at 10:30 a.m.; **The Insect Discovery Lab:** June 15 at 1:30 p.m.; **Carol Nakaso's stamp crafts program:** June 29 at 1:30 p.m.; **Mystic Reality, a circus arts program:** July 9 at 10:30 a.m.; **Mr. RockItScience:** July 20 at 1:30 p.m.; **Musician Bonnie Lockhart:** July 23 at 10:30 a.m.

I hope to book **Roger Mara** for his puppet show "The Big Little Circus" for the second week in August.

Youth 10–16 can volunteer to help other youth with Summer Reading by joining Kid Power. Talk to the librarian before May 19 to sign up and schedule training.

July is "Mag a Bucks" month, where library users can donate to pay for magazine subscriptions. With City revenues falling short of the levels of the dot.com boom period, and the materials budget likely to remain static or be reduced (it all depends on revenues), this might be a good time to give. Talk to me in June or July if there are magazines you would like to see in the branch. Talk to me any time if you have suggestions on how the branch can better meet your reading or information needs.

Neighborhood Block Watches And SFPD Info Are on July 9 GPA Agenda

by Beth Weise

Over the past few months Glen Park has experienced a number of crimes. They range from purse snatchings to car theft, attempted robbery with a pellet gun and a home burglary where thieves bashed in a front door, drove up a U-Haul and cleaned out the house. While these might sound disturbing, it doesn't appear as if Glen Park is undergoing a major crime wave. More likely, it's part of the ebb and flow of life in the big city.

However, there are ways to protect yourself, your home and your family and one of the best is joining a local Block Watch. At the July 9 meeting of the Glen Park Association a representative of SAFE will be on hand to help Glen Park blocks put together their own block watches.

SAFE stands for Safety Awareness For Everyone and is a private, nonprofit organization based in San Francisco and originally created by the San Francisco Police Department. Alexa Foote, a SAFE crime prevention specialist, is first on the agenda at the meeting, which will begin at 6:30. Foote will review how a block watch is set up, then help individual blocks organize.

Block watches simply get a group of neighbors on one block together to exchange names and phone numbers via

a hock-watch list. This allows neighbors to look out for each other as an extension of what most of us already do on an informal basis. While we watch out for the neighbors on either side of us, we might not know the neighbors at the other end of the block. A block watch makes watchfulness more systematic and provides a block map with neighbors' names and telephone numbers that can be used in case of emergency. Block watch members make two simple commitments: keeping an eye out and when they see suspicious activity, and taking action by calling neighbors or 911.

Block watches don't require members to perform any special tasks, go to a lot of meetings, patrol the neighborhood or chase burglars. As Seattle's block watch program says, being a member of a block watch is just "being alert as a part of your everyday life. For example, when you go to the window to open or close the drapes, instead of just...turning away, you might stop for a second and glance around the neighborhood to be sure everything is okay. When you go out to get in the car to go to work, instead of heading for the car with 'tunnel vision,' glance up and check the neighborhood. It is this kind of 'watching' that is involved."

The Glen Park Association will have block-by-block sign-up sheets available at the July 9 meeting. Information on making your home safer will also be presented. Captain Dillard and police from Ingleside Station will be on hand to discuss recent events.

If you're interested in the crime statistics for Glen Park, the SFPD maintains a Web site listing crime statistics by area at www.ci.sf.ca.us/police/crimes/plots/dish.htm#H820. Glen Park is Plot 823 and surrounding areas.

Local Man: Armed and Dangerous?

Trial lawyer/novelist Barry S. Willdorf is a 29-year resident of Glen Park. He and his wife Bonnie have three grown daughters. His community activities include work with the Glen Park Association and the Merchants Association in the early stages of planning for development of the Diamond Super lot. He recently published his first novel.

Growing up in Massachusetts, Willdorf says, he expected that one day he would be in the military just like his neighborhood friends. But in 1965 he participated in his first demonstrations against the Vietnam War. By the time he graduated from Columbia Law School in 1969 he had joined Students

for a Democratic Society and helped organize "Vietnam Summer." In 1970-71 he worked for a civil-rights organization defending marines at Camp Pendleton; by the end of the Vietnam War he had represented more than 100 enlisted men from every branch of the armed services. For his efforts, the government described him as "armed and dangerous."

Now Willdorf has used his Vietnam-era experiences as the basis for "a fictional insight into the turbulent times of the late '60s and early '70s." His novel *Bring the War Home!* portrays the adventures of a young couple who put their beliefs and relationship to the test defending marines opposed to the war. "Courtroom drama abounds as an idealistic young attorney helps GIs take on the brass," says the book's press release.

Bring the War Home! is published by A Gauche Press. For more about the book, visit www.agauchepress.com.



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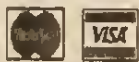
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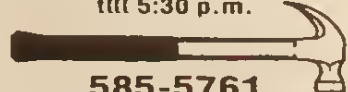
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Don Williams Pushed Bank Partnership Benefits

by Kat Meltzer

Don Williams seems to be a dignified teddy bear. A private teddy bear who laughs easily, a teddy bear who gardens and cooks like a dream. But Don is a teddy bear who made history.

This son of a copper miner and a housewife grew up in Bisbee, Ariz. A mining town's existence depends on the company. Mining is dangerous. Cave-ins claimed husbands, fathers, including his friends' fathers. Rigid mores helped Bisbee feel safer in the uncertain world.

As a youth, Don followed the rules. As a gay youth, the rules declared him an abomination. Don prayed, married a woman, did his best. It didn't work. "I decided I would only believe those things I feel to be true," he says. "It seems like a huge risk ... but once you've committed, its self-reinforcing."

Don moved to the Bay Area and got his master's in religious education from the Baptist Seminary, along with a reputation as an iconoclast. He laughs: "It's not hard to be the bad boy when you're surrounded by Baptists."

In 1978, Don met David Jones, a promising pianist, at a church retreat. Despite sparks and early morning assignments, true love went unrecognized. Eventually they figured it out. The couple lambada'd through the 1980s, and their commitment to spiritual service grew. Even as Falwell et al raged against men who loved men and women who loved women, the gay community faced down an epidemic, mourned their dead and fought for such civil rights as the right to marry.

In 1988, Don focused his spiritual resolve on his workplace, the Bank of America. He was out, but the banking closet was a crowded one. "No one at



Photo by W. David Barnes

the vice-president level or above was out," he recalls. He and his co-workers decided to bring domestic partnership benefits to BofA. They formed The Lunch Group (TLG), and employees from Wells Fargo and other major banks joined them. For a decade, TLG strategized and negotiated.

The board offered support, but bank management resisted, fearing a loss of business. TLG brokered a deal between BofA and Wells Fargo: when one committed, the other would do the same. In 1998 BofA became the first major financial institution in the U.S. to offer domestic partnership benefits. Wells Fargo followed immediately.

In 1997 the couple inherited a house in Glen Park. They remodeled, they sweated, they wrote checks. They transformed the fennel-filled yard into a serene composition of maroon and silver. Now Dexter and Blake, the canine patrol, chase away the airplanes. Don cooks his feasts, while David plays piano. When the nights are warm and the windows open, the neighbors are treated to serendipitous concerts. On February 14, 2000, after 20 years together, they got married.

Don Williams, husband, chef, teddy bear, recently met his legacy. He was hired by Federal Home Loan Bank, a corporation committed to service as well as profits. At his orientation, the HR consultant explained their domestic partnership benefits. Don laughs: "As if it had always been that way!"

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side to accommodate 15 apartments to be built behind and above the store and library.

The most frequently raised issue at the February Glen Park Association meeting was the limited availability of the new library and its multipurpose room, followed by parking. The library and the multipurpose room will be available only five days per week, (a total of 32 hours). Underground parking that

was proposed by the developer will not be constructed because none of the markets interested in the location were willing to pay the \$1.5 million tab for building underground spaces. As noted above, the market's focus will be the neighborhood rather than vehicle traffic.

Editor's Note: Since the GPA meeting, the Marketplace developer has hired a transportation consultant to work with the City Planning Department.



Barbara Langerman, Tiffany Farr and Jean Conner were among those who toured Strybing Arboretum's Native Plant Section. Photo by Richard Craib

Great Gardens In Glen Park On Display

by Barbara Langerman

Spring fever has definitely hit the Glen Park Garden Club. It could be due to the wonderful weather of late. Or perhaps it's a year-round affliction.

The club began its preparations for the Glen Park Village Festival in earnest with a workshop in February to propagate plants for sale. Members took responsibility for setting up and manning the booth as well.

The annual fair is a great opportunity for our Glen Park neighbors to not only pick up bargain plants and treats for the palate, but to also find out more about the club.

This year's San Francisco Flower and Garden Show was of particular interest. Member Kay Estey designed and entered a lovely Show Garden, for which she won a Silver Medal.

Some of the members went on our first field trip at the end of March. Led by Richard Craib and his wife, Sandy, of the Friends of Glen Canyon Park, the group toured the native plant section of Strybing Arboretum in Golden Gate Park.

With the help of Dr. Mahoney, manager of Strybing's nursery, the group learned more about plants that would be suitable for Glen Park gardens. The group then enjoyed lunch near the park.

The club members are delighted that this year's Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program for San Francisco took place in our own Glen Park on May 5. We are even more pleased that three of the four private gardens on the conservancy's tour belong to Garden Club members Mary Betlach, Jeff Britt and Kay Estey.

Plans are under way for our own June Garden Tour and Brunch, held annually for members and their guests.

We're glad to have met many of our neighbors at the Festival on April 28. Thanks to all of you who visited our booth, and especially to those who helped support our work by buying plants.

For more information about the Glen Park Garden Club, contact President Tiffany Farr, 333-1892 or e-mail us at p-tfarr@earthlink.net.



Sidewalk Trees Contribute to The Greening Of Glen Park

by John Walmsley
Chair, GPA Neighborhood Improvement Committee

One of the things that makes Glen Park such an incredible place to live is its flora—not just in Glen Canyon Park but also in our yards and on our sidewalks. Every several years, it seems, someone rounds up a bunch of neighbors, contacts Friends of the Urban For-

est (FUF) and presto—sidewalk tree planting happens once again. In this way, Glen Park keeps getting greener and greener.

Early in the morning on March 16, more than 20 Glen Park residents gathered to distribute planting equipment, materials and potted trees to participating property owners throughout our community. The group split into several planting teams and by early afternoon had increased the number of sidewalk trees in Glen Park by 25. Thanks to these volunteers for their participation in the program and for their hard work.

As a result of the planting, we all have not only learned a lot about tree planting, but we've also met many of the great people in our neighborhood that we didn't know. By now you may have noticed the new additions to the local ecoscape—three tall posts protecting a young sapling that will eventually be a beautiful sidewalk tree. Our neighborhood organizers for this planting, Claudia Tomaso and John Walmsley, greatly appreciate the hard work and dedication of Carla Nagi at FUF, who helped the whole project come together.

Spring is here and those recently planted sidewalk trees are already bursting out with new growth. Plums, apples, magnolias and ginkgos are just a few of the types of trees that were planted with FUF's advice and guidance. Hopefully your block already has a bevy of sidewalk trees to add greenery and beauty to the street. If not, talk to your neighbors and consider getting another tree planting effort started. The whole neighborhood benefits from tree planting.

Anyone who missed the last planting hut would like a sidewalk tree is encouraged to contact FUF at (415) 561-6890 and begin the organization process for a new planting. FUF is great to work with and will do everything it can to help make tree planting in the neighborhood a success once again.



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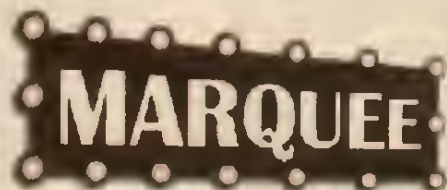
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by Walter Frederick

I know that many of you have passed the newly blackened shop next to Bird & Beckett Books & Records. Its evolution from blank slate to functioning frame shop has been slower than we had hoped; however, as of April 15, those of you with a burning desire to frame your artwork will find manufactured and original designs reflecting a wide range of frame styles and periods.

Art for Art is passing from being a closely held secret in the city to its present venue: "open to the public." Our workshop has been situated for the previous 20 years in an attic hidden deep in the Sunset District. After my wife, our nine-year-old son, Tenaya and I moved to a house on Stillings Street in Glen Park, just by sheer good luck this storefront space became available.

The shop is somewhat specialized in that we focus on the careful conservation of the artwork passing through it. Many of the frames and mats produced here are of museum quality, and are composed of the finest materials available. The matboard we use is made of 100 percent cotton rag, rather than the pulp variety which has discolored so much precious artwork throughout the years. The frames, whether produced in-shop or by master craftsmen throughout the country, are faithful reproductions of Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish and American styles. Each frame is crafted using traditional methods and materials. Finishes are carved, gessoed and gilded using German metal or 22-karat gold leaf, then hand painted. Many of the frame designs are unique, and are created specifically for the artwork they house. Ultraviolet protective glass is available for delicate watercolors or photographs whose colors are fugitive or subject to fading. The shop also offers in-home installation services.

Those requiring a more modest treatment will find a carefully selected assortment of stock moldings that may provide a less-expensive alternative to the handmade items. The wide variety of mats and moldings can provide a suitable complement to any picture while still carefully preserving the artwork for generations. Almost anything can be framed, and the workshop has aided in conserving a diverse array of precious and nostalgic items from arrowheads to 100-pound fossils; from antique needle-

work to abstract paintings; from children's scribbles to Renaissance masterworks. The possibilities are endless and require only the salt of imagination.

Artwork by Bay Area artists will be shown on the walls of the shop. Despite restricted space, we are committed to the exhibition of rare and fine paintings, prints, drawings and photographs produced in California.

Art for Art is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.. Stop by and meet Walter and his assistant, Jacqueline Vejstrup. His wife, Carmen Vega, curates the art in the shop.

Call Ahead for Flowers from Borage Studio

by John Bedard

Since Joe Kowal and I opened Chenery Park Restaurant a year and a half ago we have had the opportunity to see a lot of our old friends, neighbors and customers and had the pleasure of meeting a lot of new Glen Park neighbors. Many of you have asked about Borage, and it has been very interesting hearing your interpretation of what we do, so we thought we would try to clear up some misconceptions about Borage.

We are not new; we have been in Glen Park since 1995. Borage was originally at 650 Chenery Street, which is now our Sales/Management Office. In 1999 we bought Glen Park Flowers at 654 Chenery, where our design studio is now located. We are a retail shop; however unlike lots of flower shops—such as Mia's on Church or Glen Park Flower Stand at the BART plaza—who stock lots of flowers in buckets available by the stem or for you to put a small bouquet together, we take a different approach: we sell beautiful English garden-style arrangements from \$40. We do not sell loose stems or bouquets. I go to the flower market daily to hand-select flowers for the day's orders and events. Relationships with several local growers as well as importers allow us to buy unusual and different flowers. This process also gives us control over quality, and ensures that our product is always the freshest and best available.

We do a lot of weddings and events for some of the Bay Area's leading companies, event planners and hotels, but this isn't all we do. Daily orders are a big part of our business. We create flower arrangements for all occasions (birthdays, new baby, thank you) for individuals, business clients, small din-

ners, house receptions or "just because."

Holidays like Valentine's Day, Easter, Secretaries' Day, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are very busy times for us. We deliver throughout San Francisco and Marin, Monday through Friday; same-day orders are accepted until 12 noon. We always recommend that you give us a day or two notice in case we are working at an event site or are out of town. We are not always available to accommodate last-minute requests.

Borage is a member of Teleflora so we can wire flowers worldwide for you. There is a \$10 charge for this service. You may place an order by calling 452-0410, Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. Borage does not maintain walk-in hours. If you see the door open, please stop in and see what we are working on or to just take a few minutes to smell the flowers. Please visit our Web site at Borage.com and the Restaurant's Web site at Chenerypark.com.

Borage Floral Design and Chenery Park Restaurant are again proud to be sponsors of The Glen Park Festival.

Smiles for Life How Dentistry Can Help Kids

by Dan Gustavson, D.D.S.

Glen Park residents can take advantage of a unique opportunity to help special children while helping yourself regain your beautiful, natural smile.

From now till June 30, Dr. Dan Gustavson and Dr. Mai-Ly Ramirez at Glen Park Dental will donate their services to whiten your teeth. Your \$199 payment to the Smiles for Life Foundation is not only tax deductible, but considerably less than normal whitening costs; the donation benefits children in Project Hope, Children's Aid Society, Children in Crisis, and scores of other children's charities around North America. Last year, fellow dentists in the Crown Council raised \$12 million for the Smiles for Life Foundation!

For more information, you can visit www.smiles4life.com or call Glen Park Dental at (415) 585-1500.

Dazzle your friends with your new smile...and your generosity.

Local Dentist Learns Mouth Reconstruction Techniques

Many people are aware of the life-changing impact that cosmetic dentistry can have on a person's life and attitude. Now an elite group of dentists is taking it a step further with a new concept called full mouth reconstruction. People with crooked or missing teeth, gaps, discoloration and other symptoms can have their smile restored to its natural form

and function.

Dr. Dan Gustavson is one of the first dentists in the U.S. to receive training in full mouth reconstruction at the world-famous Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies. During intensive, hands-on training, Gustavson not only refined his skills in making teeth look better; he also learned the latest principles in making patients feel better through a computer scanning simulation to restore the accuracy of the patient's natural bite.

To qualify for this course, Gustavson accomplished a proven high level of competence through taking several other courses at the Institute.

The new science of full mouth reconstruction is having a major impact on the smiles of people throughout the country. It is a blend of artistic design combined with predictable science. Gustavson knows the ideal size, shape and color for patients' new smiles.

For more information, contact him at (415) 585-1500.

Home Pet Care For Glen Park's Furry Residents

by Lin Geddes Fielder,
Owner, City Tails
Pet-sitting Service

For people worried about care for their pet while they're away or busy at work, City Tails Pet-sitting Service, a professional pet-sitting business, recently set up operation to provide in-home visits in Glen Park and Noe Valley. Our fully bonded, licensed pet-sitting company's primary goal is to provide quality care at an affordable cost to neighborhood residents.

According to the American Humane Society, pets are the happiest when they're at home, surrounded by familiar sights, sounds and smells. The choice of kennels may be convenient for the owner, but an at-home service allows the pet to remain in a stable environment, free of possible foreign diseases and unwarranted stress.

We believe in continuing our education by attending classes, conferences, and obtaining certifications in various fields of animal care. Animal CPR and first aid are only a few of the steps we have taken to ensure flawless service. Pets are usually considered part of the family. Our role is to prevent loneliness and give them the attention they deserve. It really makes a difference. City Tails' owner is a member of Pet Sitters International.

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Redistricting

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Binder said the clout of Glen Park—which picked up more voters under the reconfigured supervisorial map—will likely grow at City Hall and on the campaign trail. The reason: Glen Park has traditionally been a swing neighborhood that shifts between the progressive and moderate factions in District 8, depending on the issue. "You may see supervisorial candidates paying more attention to Glen Park," he said.

District 8 now has a little more than 67,000 residents. With the voting strength of the Castro, District 8 is the most likely district to elect a gay candidate to the 11-member Board of Supervisors. Currently, the city has two gay supervisors, District 8 representative Mark Leno, who lives in Noe Valley, and District 9 representative Tom Ammianno, a Bernal Heights resident.

Leno is likely headed to Sacramento next year and will not be seeking reelection to the board. He is running for state Assembly, and is expected to win the seat handily. Already, a number of people have said they want the District 8 supervisor's job. Among them are Eileen

Hansen, who narrowly lost to Leno last time around, Bevan Dufty, Shawn O'Hearn, BART board rep Tom Radulovich and Seth Watkins. At least a half-dozen others are rumored to be interested in running. The District 8 seat will be on the November ballot.

The decision to consolidate Glen Park into a single district was made April 14, when the nine-member Elections Task Force approved the final map. One of the panel's goals was to unite neighborhoods that previously had been split among two or more districts. But that wasn't always easy to achieve.

First, each district must have roughly the same population, so moving the boundary in one district affects the neighboring one, and ripples throughout the city. Then, the task force had to make sure that the voting power of ethnic and language minorities wasn't diluted. Finally, it tried to keep together so-called communities of interest, such as neighborhoods that share a common social, economic or political base.

Efforts to unite the Portola into one district and Russian Hill in one district failed. Japantown, like Glen Park, was luckier.

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Maya Olin, 2 1/2, watches Pepi The Clown as he prepares to paint her face at the Glen Park Festival. Pepi the Clown was helping out at the Mission YMCA booth.

Photo by E. Mangelsdorf

Festival

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members, Carmel Adams, Vince Beaudet and Phil Graham for their continuing belief in the value of the Festival.

We met our goal of raising more scholarship money this year than in 2001, and we want to express our deep gratitude to our generous donors and sponsors. We are encouraged by our efforts

as we move toward the planning process of next year's Festival with confidence and enthusiasm. The Festival Planning Committee will start meeting in August to plan for the Seventh Annual Glen Park Festival. If you're interested in joining the committee, please call (415) 835-2112 or visit our Web site, www.glenparkfestival.com, for meeting information.

Community Calendar

Glen Park Association

On July 9 we will have our annual Bar-B-Que at Glen Park Rec Center. This is an opportunity for you to meet some of your new neighbors. Our new Ingleside Police Captain, Kevin Dillard, and the Neighborhood Safe Program Coordinator, Alexa Foote have been invited to help us organize each block to keep us from being vulnerable to our local vandals. Please join us and bring a side dish to share with your neighbors.

Nature Fest 2002

Sunday afternoon, June 9, 1 p.m.-7 p.m.. At the Silver Tree building in the Canyon. Activities for children and adults: slide shows, canyon walks, birds, bats, bugs and more. \$20 adults, \$5 kids under 12, includes snacks, soft drinks and bar-b-que supper. Information and reservations: Richard Craib, 648-0862.

Friends of Glen Canyon Park

Plant Restoration Work Parties: 3rd Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-noon. May 18, June 15, July 20. Meet at the picnic tables behind the Recreation Center.

Wednesday Work Days: * Each Wednesday. Call Richard Craib at 648-0862 for time and meeting place.

Art for Art

The workshop, newly relocated to 2786 Diamond St., opens its doors to the public for the first time in 20 years. On the walls in May are paintings and prints by owner Walter Frederick. Everyone is welcome.

YMCA Offers Day Camps

by Alexander Vaughan

The YMCA of San Francisco is offering summer camps accredited through the American Camping Association beginning June 10 and continuing through August 16. YMCA Day Camp provides children and youth with an opportunity to have fun and experience challenges in a safe environment with staff who are well trained and sensitive to the camper's needs. The major focus of day camp is to present children with chances to broaden their life experiences through group activities and trips to local points of interest.

Traditional Day Camps will take place at Sunnyside Elementary School (near Glen Park), Paul Revere Elementary

Glen Park Branch Library Meeting

The SFPL is in the process of planning the new Glen Park Branch Library, to be located in the multi-use Glen Park Marketplace on the Diamond Super site. This second community meeting is planned to update residents on this process. Please join us to discuss and share your ideas on the library services plan and review conceptual drawings for the branch. Meeting to be held Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. Glen Park Recreation Center Auditorium.

Bird & Beckett Books & Records Live Events

Bird & Beckett is hosting the following events in May and June:

Wednesday May 1, 7 p.m. - Book Club - An Equal Music by Vikram Seth.

Sunday May 5, 4:30 p.m. - Poet Joke Kaviaar, visiting from Amsterdam, and poet Charles Curtis Blackwell, followed by a jazz jam session from 6-8 p.m. hosted by Eric Berman, Chuck Peterson, John Clark and Mark Williams.

Tuesday May 7, 7:30 p.m. - Bardic Roundtable - Open discussion with Seattle poet Bill Witherup on the mentor's role in the poet's development.

Wednesday May 8 - 7:30 p.m. - Artist's talk with painter/poet James McGrath of New Mexico, in discussion with Sterling Bunnell and Bill Witherup.

Sunday May 12, 4:30 p.m. - Local heroes, troubador Jerry Ferraz and poet/storyteller Walker Bents.

Tuesday May 14, 7:30 p.m. - Famous Writers Birthday Bash - open reading from the literary giants.

(Bernal Heights) and Cesar Chavez Elementary (22nd and Folsom). Sample camp themes are "Streets of San Francisco," "The Far East" and "Adventure of a Lifetime." Cost of these camps is \$150 per week.

Sports and Specialty Camps will be based out of the Noe Valley Ministry (1021 Sanchez St. between 23rd and Elizabeth). Some sample camp themes are "Basketball" and other sport camps, "Shake 'n' Bake" and "Go for the Gold." These camps cost \$160-\$175 per week.

There is plenty of space available. Register at the YMCA at 4080 Mission St. near Bosworth, or call (415) 586-6900 to have a brochure mailed to you. Se habla Español.

The YMCA of San Francisco builds strong kids, strong families and strong communities by enriching the lives of all people in spirit, mind and body.

Sunday May 19, 4:30 p.m. - Local heroes, poet/playwright Dan Richman and poet/poet Q.R. Hand.

Tuesday May 21, 7:30 p.m. - David Meltzer's New College All-Stars - Katrina Jensen, Garth Bunse and Noam Birnbaum.

Sunday June 2, 4:30 p.m. - Poet C.B. Follet followed by a jazz jam session from 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday June 4, 7:30 p.m. - Bardic Roundtable - open discussion with artist Richard L. Perri.

Wednesday June 5, 7 p.m. - Book Club - Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver.

Sunday June 9, 4:30 p.m. - Poets Dan Libberthson and Paul Watsky.

Tuesday June 11, 7:30 p.m. - Famous Writers Birthday Bash - open reading from the literary giants.

Sunday June 16, 4:30 p.m. - Poets Jorge Argueta, Teresa Kinnet and Ina Cumpiano.

Glen Park Branch Library Summer Events

Sunday June 8, 1:30 p.m. - Charlie Chin's puppets.

Tuesday June 11, 10:30 a.m. - Local flutist Maurice Garcia.

Saturday June 15, 1:30 p.m. - the Insect Discovery Lab.

Saturday June 29, 1:30 p.m. - Carol Nakaso with a stamp crafts program.

Tuesday July 9, 10:30 a.m. - Mystic Reality, a circus arts program.

Saturday July 20, 1:30 p.m. - Mr. RockItScience.

Tuesday July 23, 10:30 a.m. - Musician Bonnie Lockhart.

Friends of Sunnyside Conservatory

For upcoming events through 2002, contact the Conservatory, 236 Monterey Blvd. between Baden and Congo. Phone: 905-4418; e-mail: sunnysideconservatory@yahoo.com

Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Gardening Day in the Butterfly Garden. On Joost Ave. between Baden and Congo. Ted Kipping, local arborist, will lead a free demonstration/workshop, "Pruning Ornamental Fruit Trees." Meet under the large cherry TREE in the Butterfly Garden.

Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - Gardening Day in the Butterfly Garden.

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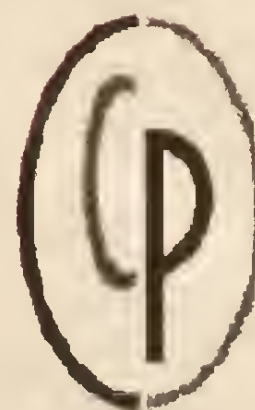
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